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- (Amended) A method for the targeted application of at least one reagent onto immobilized biological material comprising the steps of
- (a) localizing immobilized biological material selected from the group consisting of cells, cell parts, and chromosomes onto a support slide;
- (b) placing the support slide having the immobilized biological material onto an optical scanning device;
- (c) recording <u>electronically</u> the position of an object of interest of the immobilized biological material with respect to the optical scanning device;
- (d) <u>automatically</u> positioning a micropipette over the position of the object of interest recorded in step (c) and
 - (e) [A]applying the reagent onto the object of interest.
- 3. (Amended) The method according to claim 2 wherein a lens <u>position on a turret</u> of the microscope is [replaced] <u>occupied</u> with [the] <u>a</u> micropipette.
- 4. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the applying step further comprises applying the reagent in a localized area substantially limited to the position of the [immobilized biological material] object of interest.
- 8. (Amended) The method according to claim 7 wherein the photographs are displayed, thereby providing an additional selection step for selecting [a] only positions corresponding to a selected displayed photograph for the applying step.
- 10. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 comprising the additional step of washing the reagent applied [from the immobilized biological material] to the object of interest following application of the reagent.
- 11. (Amended) The method according to claim 10 comprising the additional step of positioning an analyzing device over the recorded position of the [immobilized biological material] <u>object of interest</u>.
- 12. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the [immobilizing biological material] object of interest is labeled with a specific marker.
- 16. (Amended) The method according to claim 15 wherein <u>at least</u> one o sæid plurality of reagents further comprises a fluorescent dye.
- 17. (Amended) The method according to claim 14 wherein the reagent specifically binds to the [immobilized biological material] object of interest.

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- 18. (Amended) The method according to claim 17 wherein the specific binding of the reagent to the [biological material] <u>object of interest</u> comprises an antigen/antibody reaction.
- 19. (Amended) The method according to claim 17 wherein the specific binding of the reagent to the [biological material] object of interest is a hybridization reaction.
- 20. (Amended) The method according to claim 17 wherein the binding of the reagent to the immobilized [biological material] <u>object of interest</u> further comprises a ligand/protein reaction.
- 21. (Amended) A method for the targeted application of at least one reagent onto one or several small regions of interest containing [rare] biological objects of interest within a [large amount] <u>larger region</u> of immobilized biological material comprising the steps of:
 - (a) [depositing immobilized] <u>providing</u> biological material selected from the group consisting of tissue, cells, cell parts, and chromosomes, <u>said biological material immobilized</u> onto a support slide;
 - (b) placing the support slide having the immobilized biological material onto an automated optical scanning device;
 - (c) automatically detecting [the] <u>at least one</u> biological object[s] of interest and recording [their positions] <u>the position of the at least one biological object of interest</u> with respect to the slide;
 - (d) automatically positioning a micropipette over the [regions] <u>position of said at least one biological object</u> of interest [defined by the positions of the biological objects of interest] recorded during step (c); and
 - (e) applying [the] <u>a</u> reagent onto the [regions] <u>at least one biological object</u> of interest.
- 25. (Amended) The method according to claim 21 wherein the step of applying the reagent onto [a region] said at least one biological object of interest further includes placing a cover slip over the region of interest following the step of applying the reagent.
- 26. (Amended) The method according to claim 21 further comprising the additional step of automatically relocating the [detected] said at least one biological

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- object[s] of interest [for selecting the objects suited for applying the reagent.] to the position recorded in step (c) following said step (e).
- 27. (Amended) The method according to claim 21 further comprising the additional step of automatically recording [images] an image of the <u>at least one</u> biological object[s] of interest.
- 28. (Amended) The method according to claim 27 further comprising the additional step of reviewing a gallery of recorded images on a display device for selecting from a plurality of [the] biological objects of interest suited for applying the reagent.
- 29. (Amended) The method according to claim 21 wherein the [objects] <u>at least one biological material</u> of interest [are] <u>is</u> labeled with a specific marker.
- 31. (Amended) A method for the targeted application of at least one reagent onto one or several small regions of interest containing biological objects of interest within a large amount of immobilized biological material comprising the steps of:
 - (a) depositing immobilized biological material selected from the group consisting of tissue, cells, cell parts, and chromosomes onto a support slide;
 - (b) placing the support slide having the immobilized biological material onto an automated optical scanning device;
 - (c) automatically detecting [the] biological objects of interest and recording their positions on the slide;
 - (d) automatically marking the positions recorded during step (c) by contacting the slide with a marking device; and,
 - (e) [manually] applying the reagent onto the [regions of interest centered around the] positions that have been marked during step (d).